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The International Gold Standard for Public Safety *Sheriff's Office Receives Eighth CALEA Accreditation*

FREDERICK, Md. (Nov. 3, 2020) - The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) recently received its eighth Commission on the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) award.

"This reaccreditation signifies that the FCSO has met specific standards of excellence and operates according to best policies and practices established by practitioners in the public safety field," said FCSO Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. "This management model is a blueprint for self-improvement, which strengthens accountability within this agency and to the communities we serve."

Following civil disturbances and subsequent loss of confidence in law enforcement during the 1960s and early 1970s, the U.S. Department of Justice provided a grant to the four leading law enforcement executive associations to advance law enforcement professionalism by establishing voluntary standards. The organizations, which formed CALEA, were the:

- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP);
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE);
- National Sheriffs' Association (NSA); and
- Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).

Accreditation is a voluntary, internal process by which organizations seek to achieve, objectively verify, and maintain high quality in their operations through periodic evaluations conducted by an independent, non-governmental body that has established standards for its clientele.

There are significant benefits of a CALEA accreditation, which include:

- Standards provide the reports and analyses the Sheriff needs make fact-based, informed management decisions
- Requires a preparedness programs to address natural or manufactured unusual occurrences.
- Aids in developing or improving upon an agency's relationship with the community
- Strengthens an agency's accountability, both within the agency and the community
- Can limit an agency's liability risk exposure
- Assists in an agency's pursuit of professional excellence
- Provides direction and framework for all employees.

CALEA serves as the International Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies. Each award remains in effect for four years. During that time, the Sheriff's Office retains all privileges associated with the accreditation status and annually conducts internal evaluations to maintain this accreditation.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosherriff.com for more information.

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